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| Applicant: | Shinya UCHIDA et al.    | Conf.:    | 8191       |
| Appl. No.: | 09/915,580              | Group:    | 1641       |
| Filed:     | July 27, 2001           | Examiner: | COOK, Lisa |
| For:       | WHOLE BLOOD IMMUNOASSAY |           |            |

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

October 30, 2003

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated August 04, 2003, the following Remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes Remarks and an English translation of JP

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Filed: July 27, 2001 Examiner: LISA COOK  
For: WHOLE BLOOD IMMUNOASSAY  
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ATTN: REFUND SECTION  
ACCOUNTING DIVISION  
OFFICE OF FINANCE

REQUEST FOR REFUND  
(Improper Charge of Deposit Account)

MS 16

Director of the U.S. Patent  
and Trademark Office  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 5, 2004

Sir:

I. REFUND REQUEST

This is a request for a refund with respect to the charge to Deposit Account  
02-2448 shown on the statement for the month of January 2004 for the above-  
identified

☒ application ☐ patent

☒ A copy of the monthly statement in which the error referred to occurs,  
accompanies this request.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | extension of term  |               |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | first month  | _____         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | second month   | <u>410.00</u> |
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III. EXPLANATION OF WHY CONTESTED CHARGE IS IN ERROR

On January 2, 2004, the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application, unknowingly to the Applicants, charged Deposit Account 02-2448 in the amount of \$410.00 for a two month extension of time. The Examiner made an obvious mistake, since a two month extension of time costs \$420.00.

On February 3, 2004, Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal with a check in the amount of \$1280.00 for the Notice of Appeal fee (\$330.00) and the three month extension of time fee (\$950.00). A copy of the stamped postcard showing receipt by the U.S.P.T.O. of the fees is attached. However, the two month extension of time had already been charged to the Deposit Account on January 2, 2004, and only the third month extension of time in the amount of \$540.00 was due. Therefore, credit to the deposit account in the amount of \$410.00 is due to Applicants.

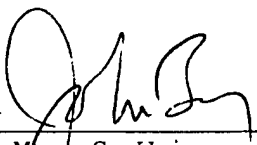
IV. MANNER OF REFUND

Please make refund by crediting Account No. 02-2448.

We respectfully request that the attached copy of this letter be returned to us with an indication that the credit has been processed.

Respectfully submitted,

BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP

By  #32,181  
Marc S. Weiner, #32,181

P.O. Box 747  
Falls Church, VA 22040-0747  
(703) 205-8000

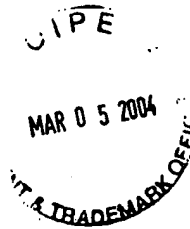
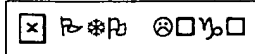
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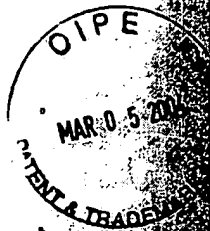
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**Deposit Account Statement**

**Requested Statement Month:** January 2004  
**Deposit Account Number:** 022448  
**Name:** BIRCH STEWART KOLASCH & BIRCH  
**Attention:**  
**Address:** 8110 GATEHOUSE ROAD  
**City:** FALLS CHURCH  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22042

| DATE  | SEQ | POSTING<br>REF TXT | ATTORNEY<br>DOCKET<br>NBR | FEE<br>CODE | AMT         | BAL     |
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| 01/02 | 179 | 09403286           | 1163-256P                 | 1253        | \$20.00     | \$18,27 |
| 01/02 | 312 | 78347060           | 4413-0136T                | 7001        | \$335.00    | \$17,93 |
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| 01/05 | 33  | 10701685           |                           | 9204        | -\$766.00   | \$18,23 |
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| 01/06 | 28  | 10482051           | 2593-0143P                | 1615        | \$270.00    | \$17,18 |
| 01/06 | 29  | E-REPLENISHMENT    |                           | 9203        | -\$6,000.00 | \$23,18 |
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| 01/06 | 39  | 1383877            |                           | 8503        | \$15.00     | \$23,15 |
| 01/06 | 40  | 10469092           |                           | 9204        | -\$80.00    | \$23,23 |
| 01/06 | 119 | 10746510           | L8370-01006               | 2001        | \$385.00    | \$22,84 |
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| 01/06 | 167 | 10460503           | 2121-0173P                | 2051        | \$65.00     | \$22,73 |
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| 01/06 | 192 | 09674768           | 0147-0215P                | 1801        | \$770.00    | \$21,72 |
| 01/06 | 193 | 09674768           | 0147-0215P                | 1252        | \$420.00    | \$21,30 |
| 01/06 | 211 | 60529352           | 2750-1585P                | 2005        | \$80.00     | \$21,22 |
| 01/06 | 320 | 78347862           | 0698-0169T                | 7001        | \$335.00    | \$20,89 |



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